

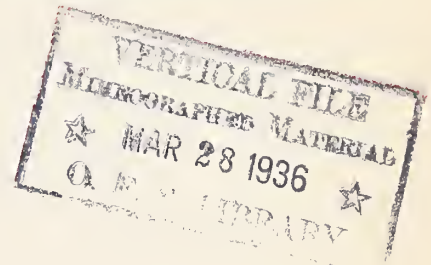
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SEAT PADS ON WOODEN

CHAIRS SAVE CLOTHING

Doubtless you have some of those straight varnished or painted chairs about the house. Sometimes such chairs seem a little plain and uninteresting. Often they are uncomfortable, and they tend to make clothing shiny.

An inexpensive way to improve them is to make seat and back pads of a printed fabric that harmonizes with other furnishings. The pads protect the clothing and also the chair finish. They are tied or snapped on and can be taken off to be laundered. As straight chairs are usually the right sitting level, the pad must not be made too thick or it will make the seat too high for comfort.

To make a seat pad, cut the desired number of thicknesses of cotton batting the exact shape of the chair seat, but half an inch smaller on all sides. Put these between layers of cheesecloth and baste twice each way and then around the outside edge to keep the cotton from knotting when the pads are laundered. The outside cover is merely a slip that may be put over the pad and closed with snaps at the back or basted together. Make tapes of the same material to tie the pad to the chair posts.

The back pad is measured and fitted in a similar way, and kept at the right height on the chair by sewing tapes to the top corners and snapping

them just below the top bar of the chair back. At the bottom, the back pad may be finished with tape loops and the tapes of the seat pad passed through these to hold the back pad down. Another idea is to make the back cover to slip on, with two bound holes for the posts to come through. This type reaches about two-thirds of the way down the back. An attractive finish is to sew white cotton braid or ball fringe around the lower edge.

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